



LOCAL DRIVER . . . Lonnie Patterson, 8-year-old quarter midget race driver, receives a trophy from Pat McQuarter after taking a close second place in races held in Las Vegas last Saturday.



SOLID HIT . . . Steve Parker, Torrance High outfielder, connects for a single early in the Tartar baseball game played with Santa Monica Tuesday afternoon on Torrance Park diamond. The Samohi nine earned seven runs on six hits while the locals scored one run on four hits. (Herald photo)



HAPPY SPARTANS . . . South High Varsity baseball teammates greet Rick Gomez as he comes home after circling the bases on one of the longest round-trippers ever hit on the South diamond. Spartans lost the encounter to Milikan High, 7 to 3, Tuesday afternoon.

Milikan in 7-3 Victory Over South Hi Nine

South High's Spartan nine were the victims of a 7-3 victory by the visiting Milikan

Rams of Long Beach in action Tuesday afternoon on the South Torrance diamond. The difference in the game proved to be five Spartan errors which scored three unearned runs.

The two teams played deadlock ball for two innings until Gary Brown of Milikan hit a single with two teammates on board. The South High left fielder lost the ball and Brown circled all bases, giving the Rams a 3-0 lead. In the bottom of the third John Mewborn singled and Cliff Roy walked to put two men on base. Rick Gomez took his place at the plate and belted one of the longest home runs ever hit at the South High diamond to tie the score, 3-3.

Milikan managed four more runs in their half of the sixth. The runs were scored via two passes handed out by the Spartans, four singles, a couple of Ram sacrifices, and a South error.

Dance Saturday

Torrance Central National Little League sponsors will hold a dance at the American Legion Hall, 1109 Border Ave., Saturday, according to league officials.

Mel Coates and his band will furnish the music for dancing from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. The affair will be "cotton and jeans" and proceeds will be used to support the Little League program

Local Printer In Narrow Miss

An unruly No. 5 bowling pin, the last in the game, cost Bob Lewellen Jr. \$1000 award money posted by the National Bowling Congress for scores of 300. As it was, the printer for Lewellen Press, of Torrance, racked up a 299 for the game.

The play took place in the recent Redondo Beach Elks Club Handicap League competition at the Redondo Recreation Alleys with trophies to be awarded later, according to Jerry Reynolds, manager of the bowling center.

Lewellen was named "Most Valuable Man of the Year" along with Earl Foote by the Elks Club. Bill Evert received the honor of "Most Valuable Past Executive Ruler." All are Torrance residents.

'Miss Baseball'

Southwood National Little League officials are taking applications for a "Miss Baseball of Torrance" contest to be held prior to the opening league game May 9, according to a league representative.

Applicants must attend high

Torrance Heavy Quarter Midget Wins Semi Bout Driver Wins Cup

Heavyweight Roy Smith took a unanimous decision over Kenny Hayden Tuesday night in the Long Beach Auditorium. The bout, the semi-main, went the full six-round distance with both boys looking good all the way. Smith had Hayden down three times but did not put over his kayo punch.

The Torrance fighter's manager, Gordon Shaw, had promised fans that Smith would "really open up" when he got above the four round class. Roy Smith will meet a yet unnamed opponent on the next card at the auditorium, April 21, Shaw said.

A stable mate of Smith, Leo King, also won his four-rounder by the decision route on the same bill and made a strong showing.

Tickets for the Long Beach bouts may be purchased at Shaw's Sporting Goods Store, 4727 W. Rosecrans, Hawthorne.

Eight year old Lonnie Peterson is making a name for himself in quarter midget racing circles, having won 38 trophies in competition in the past five months. The young Lomita leadfoot, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Patterson, of 2423 253rd St., came through with second place in the Junior Stock Car event at the Hacienda tract in Las Vegas last Saturday.

Pat McQuarter, Wilmington Drag Strip Queen, presented Lonnie with a trophy after he drove his Wahlberg midget around the 1/20th mile track to crowd the winner all the way. His qualifying time was 8.50.

Lonnie Peterson, who attends the Harbor City Christian School, is a favorite on the Firestone and Los Alamitos tracks and plans to continue racking up wins and adding trophies to his collection.

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